

## State Senate Says 'No' 33-1

# 50% Income Tax Hike Nixed

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Senate today rejected the House-passed bill hiking the personal income tax by 50 per cent and urged that it be sent to a conference committee.

Senate Democratic leaders said they "have no problem" with the House measure that would increase the current 2.6 per cent personal income tax

to 3.8 per cent. But Senate Democratic Floor Leader Coleman Young of Detroit indicated his caucus wanted firmer agreement on what the money would be spent for before making a decision on the tax rate.

GOP Leader Robert Vander Laan of Kentwood, who indicated that he supported the House-passed rate, said some

questions concerning certain sections of the bill had come up.

The vote against it was 1-33. Only Sen. Alvin DeGrow, R-Pigeon, favored it.

The Senate had approved a bill hiking the tax by 38 per cent, to 3.6 per cent Aug. 1. But the House had increased that total by three-tenths of one per cent and reinstated full

property and city income tax credits, previously limited to \$15.

Meanwhile, action on budget bills for the nearly 4-week-old 1971-72 fiscal year got off to a crawling start on the Senate floor.

In its first budget vote of the new year, the Senate narrowly shot down a \$35.9 million grant to the Correc-

tions Department. Reconstruction of that 19-9 vote—just one short of the total needed to send the bill to the House—was slated for later. Opponents claimed the bill had not been before the Senate long enough for the senators not on the Appropriations Committee to make an intelligent decision. The bill was reported from the

committee Friday and first discussed on the floor Monday.

Other members decried the lack of a minimal pay hike, from 20 cents a day to 25 cents, for inmates working in the prison industries program. Sen. John Toepf, R-Cadillac and a member of the Appropriations Committee, said he would prepare amendments that would pick up the extra vote needed.

Debate on a nearly \$51 million appropriation for the Education Department was sidetracked after Senate Education Chairman Gilbert Burksley, R-Ann Arbor, and others urged postponement. They sought more time so that Dr. John Porter, state superintendent of public instruction, could prepare a critique of the bill for all senators.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, argued against the postponement, saying "no one will be happy with any budget recommendation."

"Bureaucracy is geared to more money," Zollar declared. "Every department will try to show you where you've got to give them more money." Zollar contended al-

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## Talks Fail; Rail Strike Gains Speed

WASHINGTON (AP) — With negotiations derailed by a continuing deadlock over work rules, the Labor Department has recessed joint talks indefinitely in a building railroad strike that may yet see congressional intervention.

Combined union-management negotiations were suspended indefinitely Monday with an announcement by W.J. Usery Jr., assistant secretary of labor, that "a voluntary solution cannot be reached at this time."

Usery indicated Sunday he thought a settlement might be near, but conceded after the

talks broke off he had underestimated differences between the United Transportation Union and the four railroads over a work rule requiring crew changes every 100 miles.

Mediators planned to meet separately with management and union representatives today, but Usery was unwilling to predict when joint talks might resume.

### PRESSURE MOUNTS

There were indications, meanwhile, of mounting pressure for legislation to force an end to the strike that has closed down the Southern, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Norfolk and Western lines.

A Labor Department spokesman said the Nixon administration has refrained from seeking strike-ending legislation have not been such to require legislation."

But Usery described the strike as most serious.

"It is doubly imperative in the race of mounting economic pressures," he said, "that an answer to this impasse be found."

"Other avenues toward a settlement must be considered," Usery said. The alternatives could include emergency legislation to end the strike, he said, but added that the administration is not drafting such a bill at this point.

### CARGOES TIED UP

The walkout already has affected approximately 20 per cent of the nation's rail cargo and tied up shipments of grain, coal, food and other goods in 17 states.

The UTU says it will strike six other railroads Friday: the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Alton & Southern; Houston Belt & Terminal; Duluth, Mesabi & Iron Range; Joliet & Eastern; and Bessemer and Lake Erie.

Five other lines scheduled for strikes Aug. 6 are the Baltimore & Ohio; Chesapeake & Ohio; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific; and Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

The strike has forced some grain dealers in the St. Louis area to shut down and some coal companies have begun to feel the pinch. Other companies with alternate methods of shipping goods have continued to operate.

## Disabled Vets Will Honor Comedian Hope

DETROIT (AP) — Comedian Bob Hope will be honored as the "Outstanding Citizen of the Half-Century" by the Disabled American Veterans at their convention in Detroit Aug. 8-13. Cecil W. Stevenson, DAV national commander, said the award is being given in appreciation for Hope's 30 years of entertaining U.S. troops.

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NEW LIFE: George LaLonde, right, of Mason City, Iowa, national executive secretary of the Pony of Americas Club, is pictured with his family as they attended an exhibition by the pony club. LaLonde gave up a \$53,000 business position to take the post with the pony organization. The new position pays \$12,000. The family, left to right: Todd, 6; Jessie, 13; Patricia, 13; Doug, 16; wife Pat, and LaLonde. (AP Wirephoto)

## Women's Lib Strikes Again

# Telling Ladies' Marital Status Would Become Federal Crime



CALL ME MS.: Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., is introducing a bill in the House to prohibit the use of Miss or Mrs. or any prefix to the name of a person which would indicate marital status. Women's liberation advocates have been using Ms. as the counterpart of the male Mr. Pronunciation approximates Mizz. Ms. Abzug is shown at a Jan. 19 Washington press conference. (AP Wirephoto)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bella Abzug is asking Congress to declare war on the sex prefix.

The New York Democrat, wife of a stockbroker, is doing her thing for women's liberation by preceding her signature with "Ms." She figures that can be taken for Mrs. or Miss if reference must be made at all.

But women, she said, should be considered as "individuals and not as wives of individuals."

"Women are harassed daily by government interrogations as to their marital status," she told the House. "Thus, the thousands of government forms which make up red tape require women to designate Miss or Mrs., while men, apparently, are sufficiently described by the term Mr."

Each time a woman is required to designate either Mrs. or Miss, "she is reminded that her identity is perceived not only by her sex but also by her marital status," Mrs. Abzug said, but such "governmental curiosity does not apparently extend to the private lives of men."

She said there is no justification for such idle curiosity about women. In view of the vast number of forms which must be completed by anyone associated with the United States, its elimination will do much to enhance the personal respect for the individual."

Thus, she prepared for introduction today a bill to prohibit any "Instrumentality of the

United States from using as a prefix to the name of any person any title which indicates marital status," as well as a resolution designating Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the day in 1920 when women first won the right to vote.

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ON HIS WAY BACK: Muhammad Ali talks to newsmen last night after taking big step on his way to a re-match with Joe Frazier, the man who de-throned the Louisville Slugger as heavyweight champion. Ali won a 12th-round TKO over Jimmy Ellis in Houston, Tex. Details on sports page. (AP Wirephoto)

# Faulty Switch Mars Near Perfect Trip For U.S. Spacemen

By HOWARD BENEDICT,  
AP Aerospace Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The Apollo 15 astronauts sped through space today toward the moon but Mission Control said an unexplained flicker in an instrument panel could prevent them from achieving a lunar landing.

The problem presented no danger to the three men.

The flashing light could indicate that one of two propulsion engine control systems

might be faulty.

Astronauts David R. Scott, Alfred M. Worden and James B. Irwin were directed to fire the main engine of their command ship Endeavour as planned during a scheduled midcourse correction at 4:29 p.m., EDT to-day.

### CAN CHECK DEFECT

With the propulsion system activated, Mission Control would be able to monitor the system components to check for any possible defect.

One official said there was a "low probability" of finding anything seriously wrong.

The light usually indicates the service propulsion system engine is firing. It began flashing on shortly after the astronauts left earth orbit Monday on the way to the moon.

Mission Control outlined three possibilities:

The least serious problem would be a faulty instrument. That would have no effect on the mission.

Or the engine might come on prematurely if normal procedures for firing it were used. That could be corrected by changing procedures.

At worst, the switch might pop open a circuit breaker and thereby render a back-up engine control system inoperable.

In this case, "We would be restricted to a lunar orbit mission" and the planned landing.



JUDGE PAUL POLLARD

Paul Pollard, presiding judge of Berrien County Fifth District court, who was taken ill July 17, has been transferred to University hospital in Ann Arbor.

John Hammond, another Fifth District judge, said Judge Pollard was transferred last Tuesday from Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, to Ann Arbor, because of a kidney ailment. Judge Hammond said surgery was to have been performed, but this has been delayed.

University hospital reported today that Judge Paul Pollard was in fair condition.

Judge Pollard, 34, who resides at Berrien Springs, was admitted July 17 to Mercy hospital after complaining of an ear infection. He was transferred after further diagnosis was made.

## Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at the shoreline today is 69 degrees.

## Swinging Monkey Eludes Police Chief

PAW PAW—Police Chief William Hamilton warned the village council here Monday night that there is monkey business in the community.

Hamilton said he received reports Sunday that there was a monkey swinging around in the trees in the 600 block of Oak and Elm streets.

He said he was unable to see the monkey.

The police chief added later that he has received no reports of a missing monkey.

## THE HERALD-PRESS

### Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

## Agnew's Renomination Under A Cloud

Three years ago Spiro T. Agnew informed a nonplussed Republican national convention that his name was not exactly a household word.

The delegates from the Southern and Southeastern states were fully acquainted with the Maryland governor, but the assembly's majority did not know him from Adam.

Since his election as Vice President, Agnew has come on strong.

Too strong really for many GOP leaders who fear the outspoken Agnew might swamp the boat next year. A quiet campaign has been building for months to find a less volatile running mate for Nixon in '72.

The decision will rest with Nixon unless circumstances change radically from what they are at present.

The only hint the President may feel he should change partners is last week's handling of the Peking meeting.

Nixon revealed the Chou En-Lai commitment while Agnew was touring the African Countries. He did not brief the Vice President on the matter. While Nixon was telling the world that Red China and the U. S. would exchange viewpoints by next May, Agnew was declaring that black militant leaders here at home might better follow what he deems the more constructive attitude of some African nationalist leaders.

Purely on a numbers count, precedent favors Agnew's retention. Only when the waters have grown excessively turbulent has a President looked elsewhere.

Thomas Jefferson shunned Aaron Burr as a running mate in 1804. Burr's intrigues against the President and the country, plus his killing of Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel, left no choice for Jefferson's re-election hopes.

The 1864 election was critical in the war weary Northern states. Seeking to stir latent

Union sentiment in the South, Lincoln substituted Andrew Johnson of Tennessee for Hannibal Hamlin of Maine.

Ulysses Simpson Grant who was a better general than he was a President had to substitute running mates. Schuyler Colfax, his 1868 Veep was deeply immersed in the financial scandals which plagued Grant's Administration. For his 1872 run Grant took on Henry Wilson.

FDR lost one running mate and had another forced upon him by his own party.

John Nance Garner, the popular Texan, rode the Roosevelt circuit in 1932 and 1936.

Ideologically he started to part company with the New Deal during his second term as Vice President.

Partly by his choice and equally by FDR's insistence, Garner retired from politics, and for his third campaign in 1940 FDR elevated Henry A. Wallace from the Agriculture to the Veep's stand.

Wallace's off beat economic theories already had irked some influential Southern Democrats and when 1944 indicated Tom Dewey would be a tougher opponent than Wendell Willkie the party sachems told FDR he must dump Henry.

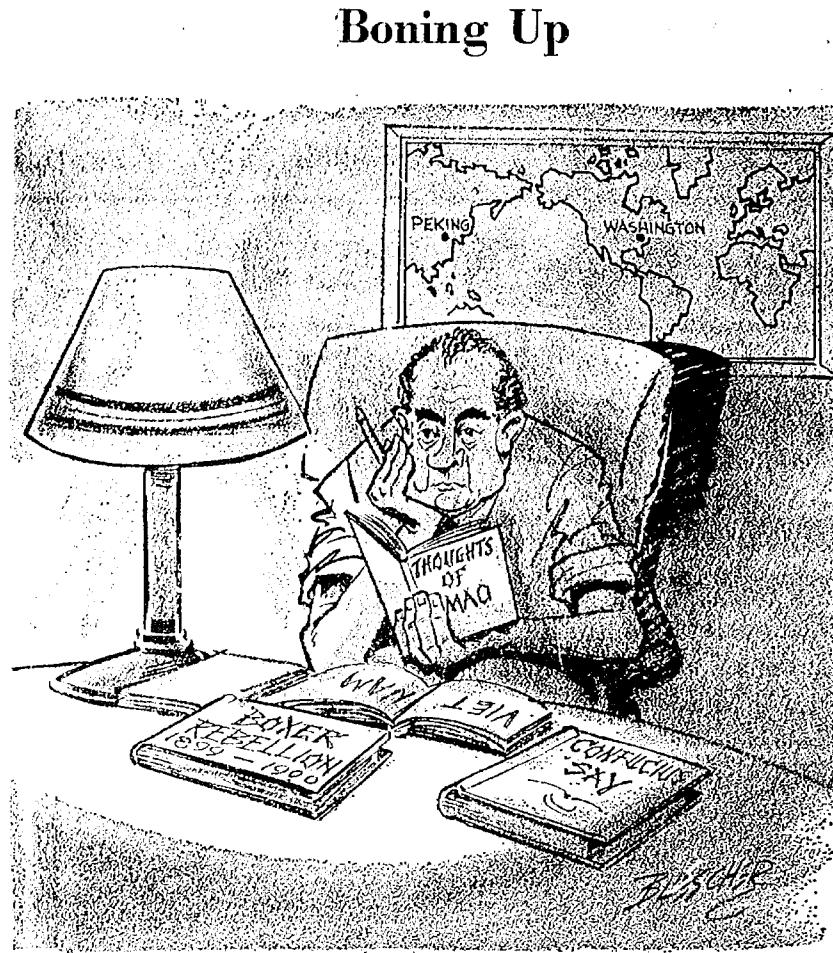
Roosevelt grudgingly accepted their suggested replacement, Harry S. Truman.

The five exceptions to the normal pattern are instances of a Veep or circumstances surrounding him getting out of White House control.

It seems safe to say that Nixon, who possesses a finely tuned political instinct, already has decided whether Agnew would be an asset or a liability next year, but has decided to let the following nine or ten months ripen that judgment more fully.

If Viet Nam winds down and the economy moves faster, Agnew will stay on. If those suns continue behind the clouds, he may be retired.

Standard Oil today announced it will raise its prices locally to the same level, effective at 4:30 p.m. Standard's price is thus going up two cents.



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### POLLUTION LAW IS LANDMARK

—10 Years Ago—

Gov. William Milliken signs a tough new antipollution law today, half of a two-bill package he says is vital to the protection of Michigan's environment.

Milliken makes it clear he considers passage of the other bill at top-priority task for the Legislature when it reconvenes after the Aug. 4 primary election.

### GAS WAR ENDS IN PRICE HIKE

—10 Years Ago—

The gasoline price war is apparently coming to an end. With no public announcement, Sinclair stations yesterday morning raised prices a penny a gallon to what the companies call a "normal" 33.9 cents for regular and 37.9 cents for premium.

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### BOMBERS RAID NAZI CAPITAL

—10 Years Ago—

Huge RAF bombers dropped

some of Britain's heaviest and most powerful bombs in part of Berlin last night, the air ministry news service reported today.

"There was no doubt about where they had fallen," the news service declared. "Huge flashes were right in the center of the city." It said the British raiders circled over the German capital and illuminated their targets by dropping flares.

### FROM ILLINOIS

—10 Years Ago—

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Steffey have moved from Lawrenceville, Ill., to St. Joseph, and are residing in the apartment owned by Mrs. I.W. Allen, at 904 Main street.

### ACCEPTS POSITION

—50 Years Ago—

Mrs. Charles A. Putnam of Benton Harbor has accepted a position as saleslady at the Shepard & Benning store.

### ON VISIT

—50 Years Ago—

Mrs. George Kammerer and daughter, Miss Caroline, went to Coloma this morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Lorenz.

### COMING PLAY

—50 Years Ago—

The beautiful play of Damon

and Pythias will be given at Yore's Opera House by a large company of New York artists for the benefit of the Knights of Pythias.

### WILLIAM RITT

## You're Telling Me!

In a British public opinion poll 34 per cent of those voting are against granting Queen Elizabeth the pay increase she requested. Guess they think the \$1,140,000 Liz gets annually is already a regular sum. So do we.

A British farmer says he has a horse which likes to lie on its back, eyes closed, legs in air, pretending it's dead. Imagine a full grown horse playing "possum!"

The black widow spider always approaches its prey backwards—nature item. Ashamed to see what it's about to do?

Park guides report that the approximately 200,000 bats living in the Carlsbad, N.M., caverns have moved out because a drought has eliminated water and most insects. Seems this is a case of being bugged by the lack of bugs!

Firt spot in the U.S. where the rising Sun shines is Mount Katahdin in Maine. — Factograph item. Now you know where morning begins!

Average American household is said to use 10 lightbulbs a year. Not counting the Christmas tree, certainly!

On reading about those 14 researchers who were marooned on an ice island in the Arctic Ocean, the man at the next desk comments: "Some folks have all the luck!"

The trouble with most testimonial dinners, complains Zamkuk Dukopf, is that the food and the speeches are equally hard to digest.

An agriculture item reveals the odds are two to one the asparagus you ate yesterday came from California. Thought you liked that tip.

The United States has made a lot of smart moves in its history but the one the nation made just 73 years ago today was not only a smart but a beautiful move, too. On July 7, 1898, the U.S. annexed the Hawaiian Islands.

This was no conquest — the Hawaiians asked to be annexed, which shows how really smart they were and are.

Hawaii became a U.S. state in 1959. We still can't figure out why it took Uncle Sam 61 years to make up his mind.

There are five reasons why we think Uncle Sam's annexation was a beautiful move — they are orchids, pineapples, ukulele music, luau feasts and that lovely word — Aloha!

Some persons are allergic to dishwater, declares a medical columnist. This number, no doubt, includes most husbands.

The Eskimo name for whale meat is "muck tuk" — Factograph item. Doesn't sound like a delicacy, does it?

Still aching from having spent most of last weekend reclining on his new all-wooden backyard furniture, the man at the next desk says the stuff is definitely more rustic than restle.

## DR. COLEMAN

## .. And Speaking Of Your Health

My wife has an iron stomach. She can eat anything at any hour of the day or night.

I eat the very same things and I crawl the walls with indigestion.

How do you explain this. Are some stomachs stronger than others?

Mr. J.W.F.

W. Va.

Dear Mr. F. I'll whisper the beginning of my answer so as not to infuriate my male readers.

As a physician,

I really believe that women generally are a harder, less complaining Dr. Coleman group of patients.

When one does not have the proverbial "iron stomach," certain rules of eating may reduce simple indigestion.

Obviously, you should avoid those foods that seem not to agree with you. Avoid eating too rapidly, eating too much at one time, or eating too highly seasoned or spiced foods.

Fatty or fried foods are not as easily digested as those that are boiled and broiled.

Remember, too, that the emotions play a distinct role in digestion. People who are angry or tense while eating have difficulty digesting their food.

The normal flow of gastric juices in the stomach, which play such an important role in digestion, are affected by the emotions. They are affected, too, by excess coffee, tobacco and alcohol.

So, let us all follow some of the simple rules of sensible eating and if symptoms of "indigestion" persist, have a medical check-up to rule out other important reasons for this distress.

People with "iron stomachs" must remember that iron, too, corrodes with neglect.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataaracts." For your copy, send 25 cent in coin and a large, self-addressed 8-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

Too often, patients seek their

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A Q 3

♦ Q 5

♦ A K J

♦ J 10 9 7 4

WEST

♦ K 9 5 4

♦ J 8

♦ 8 3

♦ 9 7 6 3 2

♦ 3 5

♦ K 5

EAST

♦ K 7 6 4 2

♦ 3 5

♦ A 6 3

SOUTH

♦ 10 7 6 2

♦ A 10 9

♦ Q 10 4

♦ Q 8 2

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 NT Pass

3 NT

Opening lead—eight of hearts. The problem of entries is a crucial factor in the play of many deals.

Declarer cannot profit from having a profusion of winners in his own hand or dummy's if there is no way of reaching them.

The defenders may likewise be faced with this difficulty. One or the other of them may have tricks that cannot be utilized because there is no entry card to the hand with the tricks.

The defenders can sometimes solve this problem by an expeditious use of their resources.

Note that if declarer wins the opening heart lead he goes down. Whenever he leads a club, West takes it with the King, returns a heart to the Jack, and East continues with a heart to establish the suit. East still has the club ace as an entry card and South goes down two.

But note also that East can defeat the contract if he plays the seven of hearts on the opening lead. By permitting declarer to win the first trick, he maintains a heart contact with West that prevents South from ever making more than seven tricks.

Thus, if declarer plays a club at trick two, West wins it with the king and returns a heart to East's K-J. The race for the establishment of tricks he won by the defense and South winds up taking second money.

## RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER QUICK!

1 — What is an ossele?

2 — Where was Sigmund Freud born?

3 — What is a charrbane?

4 — A mallard is a type of duck. True or false?

5 — What does an orthodontist specialize in?

### BORN TODAY

Sometime it's hard for even baseball buffs to name the managers of the major league clubs. Sometimes a manager's name will not "ring a bell."

That's not true of Leo Durocher. He's been a "bell ringer" ever since he entered the majors.

Leo Durocher, loud, brash, egotistical, a fashion-plate, man-about-a-million, brawler, is still making news. The latest stories about "The Lip" revolved about how much longer he's going to be pilot for the Chicago Cubs. He's now in his sixth season as the manager of the Cubs.

With the Cards, he played on a pennant winning team in the 1934 season. The "Gang" went on to beat the Detroit Tigers in the Series.

After the 1937 season, he was traded to the Brooklyn Dodgers, another gang of eccentrics, where he wound up his playing career in 1941, although he played briefly in 1943 and 1945.

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Twin City  
News

## Petitions Rejected; One Vote Left At Lakeshore

An August 16 vote on 9.5 mills appears to be the last chance for Lakeshore schools to raise additional money for the coming school year.

This is the apparent outcome of action yesterday of the Lakeshore school board in rejecting petitions calling for an alternative to the 9.5 proposal.

The board acted on advice of its attorneys, who called the petitions "not in compliance with the law and . . . therefore of no legal force or effect."

James F. Piechorowski, who headed the group circulating the petitions, said it would be "physically impossible" now to circulate a petition in time for an election yet this fall.

Petitions presented to the board last week by Piechorowski's group requested a special election on two proposals: renewal of an expiring six mills and the addition of another 3.5 mills. This was proposed as an alternative to the August 16 vote on a single proposal asking

for 9.5 mills.

The August election was scheduled by the board when another citizens group petitioned late last month. The split election would have been held at a later date.

### CITE WORDING

The legal opinion provided to the board advised that the wording of the petitions is illegal because it asks the voters to approve a measure they cannot legally approve.

As circulated, the petitions

asked whether six mills and 3.5 mills should be assessed in the school district for the coming year. The legal opinion states this is "an issue upon which the electorate of the school district has no statutory authority to vote."

In sum, the opinion says, the electorate may increase the limitation but only the school board can actually levy the operating tax.

"If the increase is approved by a majority of the electors

voting, the board in determining its operating budget for the year in fixing the operating tax levy may not be required to levy the full 9.5 mills," it adds.

Board President Donald Gast described the board action as an "unbiased and legal approach to the situation." He assured the Lakeshore Citizens Committee for a Reasonable, Rational Reconsideration, responsible for the petitions, "We have heard what you are saying and are determined to try to listen to both sides and work closely with the public and school system."

### GOT NEW VOTERS

Supt. Lionel Stacey also praised the group, noting it had been responsible for several new registrations.

Gast revealed that the board had met privately and discussed the matter "at great length."

He said the board could have taken it upon themselves to rewrite the petition and submit the proposals to the electorate in a separate election. But referring to a decision made at the May 10 board meeting, he said "We have already said we would not ask for another election."

A statement issued by Piechorowski and Richard Fanson, president of Lakeshore Jaycees, expressed regret that "the petitions have been negated on a legal technically in the phrasing of the petition. We must express to you our apology for bringing before you a petition so worded."

While urging the voters to turn out at the polls, the statement regretted that "We will waste at least another thousand dollars of our collective taxes bringing before our selves an issue which was twice defeated by the electorate."

Piechorowski said legal deadlines left only a few days for circulating another petition. "If we could still get out into the streets with petitions, we would," he said.

### DEFEATED TWICE

A 9.5-mill proposal for two years was defeated on March 29 by about 800 votes. A similar proposal for just one year was defeated on June 14 by 30 votes.

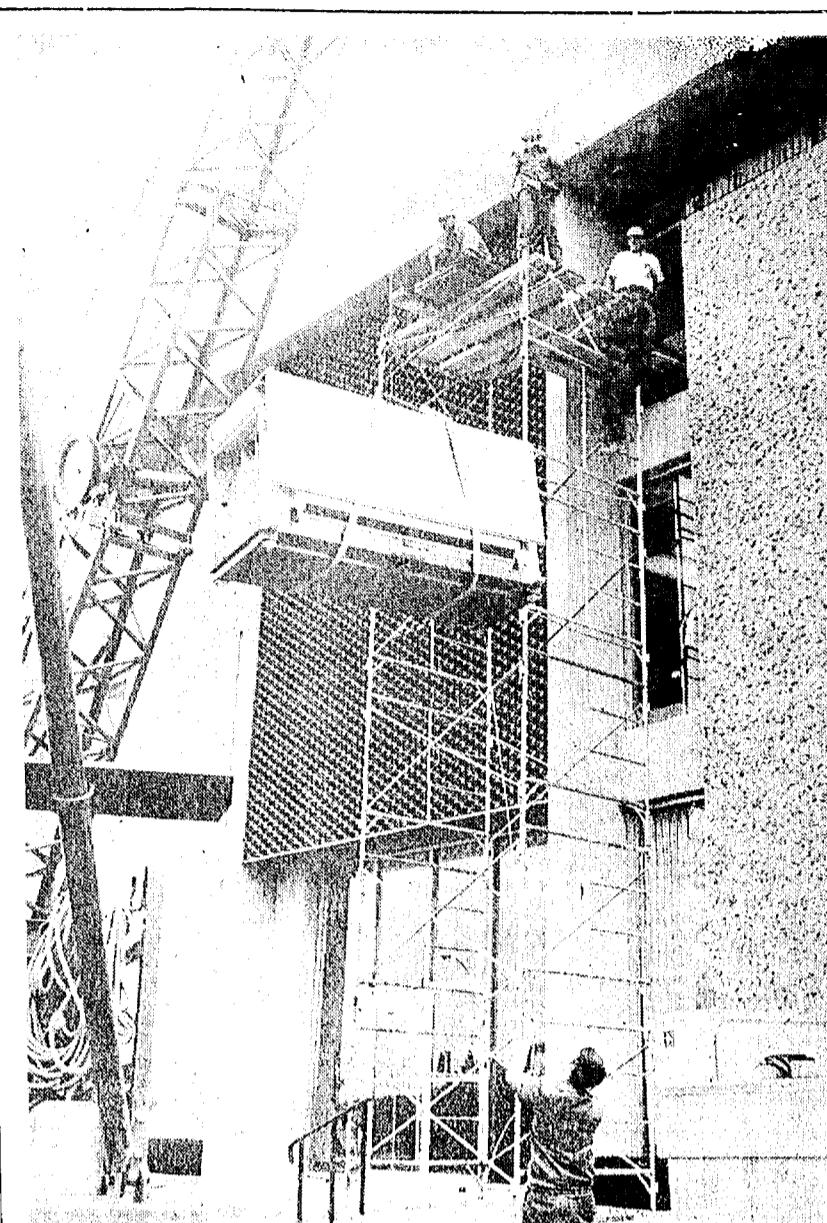
In other action, the board:

Approved the purchase of textbooks for classes in reading, developmental English, sociology, vocational agriculture, architectural and engineering drafting. They will cost almost \$3,500.

Granted easement to Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to install an underground cable parallel to the current I&M electric pole line behind the Stevensville elementary school on the west side of St. Joseph avenue.

Granted leaves of absence to Mrs. Joyce Burgener, first grade teacher at Hollywood school; and Robert Husek, industrial arts teacher at the junior high school.

Approved the omission of carpeting in the library of Baroda elementary school, as planned. The revision will save the district some \$793 and was made in accordance with an earlier decision to omit carpeting in libraries of other schools in the district.



LONG WAY AROUND: When Inter-City Bank wanted two check-filing units moved from the second floor to the third floor, they went through the window instead of a door. There was no way to move the approximate half-ton machines through conventional doors and elevators. Pearson Construction Co. of Benton Harbor took the units out of the ICB headquarters on the east side of the Riverview drive building in Benton Harbor and put them in through a window on the third floor. (Staff photo)



CANDIDATES JOINED: Benton Harbor Kiwanis club member Henry Gleiss, greets candidates for mayor of Benton Harbor after each spoke Monday during regular Kiwanis club session at Holiday Inn, M-139. From left are Gleiss and candidates Charles Joseph, incumbent Mayor Wilbert Smith, and F. Joseph Flaugh. (Staff photo)

## BH Mayoral Candidates Talk On Same Rostrum

By RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith exclaimed Monday that crime is Benton Harbor's worst problem.

He also called for federal revenue sharing; and a nationwide standardization of welfare expenditures as paramount needs

### Delinquent Dad Given Jail Term

A Benton Harborite accused of failing \$1,880 behind in support for one child on Aid to Dependent Children grants was ordered jailed five days Monday in Berrien circuit court.

Judge Chester J. Byrns set the jail sentence for Jesse L. Campbell, 23, of 259 Territorial road, after finding him in contempt of court for non-payment of support for one illegitimate child on ADC, according to John Schoenholz, friend of the court.

After serving the five, Campbell has 30 days to find work or return to jail for another 10 days. He also was ordered to execute a wage assignment of \$10 weekly support, and \$2.50 a week on the arrearage, Schoenholz has reported.

### Bandshell Concerts End Tonight

Twin City Pops orchestra under the direction of Robert Brown, St. Joseph High school band director, will present the final in a series of three concerts tonight at the John E. N. Howard bandshell, Port street at Lake boulevard, St. Joseph at 7:30 p.m.

Among the selections to be presented will be "Blue Tango," "Symphony No. 2" by Haydn, excerpts from the musical "Carousel," "Londonderry Air," and the "January Feb. uray March."

of all cities.

Campaigning for re-election to his eighth term in office, Smith shared the lectern with the two other mayoral candidates, Charles F. Joseph and F. Joseph Flaugh.

Names of the three will appear on the ballot in next Tuesday's primary election, with the two top vote getters vying for the mayor's post in the general election Nov. 2.

The occasion Monday was the regular luncheon session of the Benton Harbor Kiwanis club at Holiday Inn, M-139. It marked the first time in the campaign that all three candidates have appeared together for talks.

Flaugh, who appeared with Joseph last week at the Benton Harbor Lions' club session, again stressed that his prime effort to improve Benton Harbor would be to bring into the

city new industrial plants and commercial enterprises.

Joseph outlined points in his platform and stated that plans to form a mayor's committee to coordinate all citizen efforts to improve school district relations.

Joseph also said he would improve community relations by urging citizens to attend city commission sessions, read a bulletin board that he would post in city hall for community matters, and utilize a telephone pool system he would form to better inform citizens.

### RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

Smith pointed to improvements made in recent years he has served as mayor. He included business and commercial development along Riverview drive, the city boat ramp, new library and post office, and a effort to improve Benton Harbor which would be to bring into the

city and adjoining Benton township.

Smith spoke of improvements through the federal code enforcement program which provides grants or low interest loans to low income families to assist in bringing homes to code standard. He said 50 houses have so far been brought to standard by this program.

Smith also cited new homes,

mostly on the east side, built by ARIC Homes, Inc., the Whirlpool-sponsored Highland Development Corp., Peoples Savings Association and contractor Ellis Hull.

The mayor also called for immediate commission action on his proposed disclosure ordinance, aimed at forcing real estate agents to disclose to home buyers defects that would

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## Coloma Eyes Rate Increase

COLOMA—Higher sewer rates for Coloma city residents were introduced at last night's commission meeting here.

The new rates represent a increase of \$10 per quarter, (every three months) for the average user of 25,000 gallons for the quarter period.

The amended ordinance is expected to be adopted at the August 9 commission meeting and become effective August 30.

City Commissioner Fred Munchow, who heads the city's water committee said, "The new rates will pay for the city's share of the proposed Paw Paw Lake Sewage treatment plant and river interceptor."

The charges for sewer service will be measured by water

consumption as shown by city water meters.

For the first 5,000 gallons or less, there will be a minimum quarterly rate of \$12.50. The old rate for the first 6,000 gallons carried a minimum of \$5 per quarter.

Sewer charges outside the city will be one hundred and fifty per cent above the city residents charge, plus \$5 per quarter.

In other business, Consumers Asphalt Paving Co., Benton Harbor, was the apparent low bidder among three opened for blacktopping Paw Paw street from Center to North street. The bid of \$17,737.50 was accepted by the commission for the project, which had been estimated at \$15,000.

The blacktopping project is slated to begin after the Coloma

Gladiolus Festival Aug. 6-8.

Other bidders on the project were Klett Construction, Hartford, \$18,716.50 and John G. Yerington, Benton Harbor, \$19,529.

City commissioners set the compensation for the proposed city charter commission members at \$10 per meeting, not to exceed \$120. The commission will be charged with revising the 29-year city charter if Coloma voters approve the proposal in November.

Commissioners approved hiring Coloma police officer Lloyd Carr as a fulltime city employee effective July 29, after he successfully passed his probationary period.

## \$5,000 Homestead Exemption Favored By GOP, Says Gast

LANSING — State Rep. Harry Gast, Jr., R-Stevensville, said a bill among a number of property tax relief proposals that has attracted interest of most Republican members of the House is one that would give a \$5,000 homestead exemption. Introduced by House Minor-

ity Leader Clifford H. Smart of Walled Lake, it would exempt all Michigan residents from paying taxes on the first \$5,000 of equalized valuation on their homestead property.

The effect of this proposal would be that a person with a home with a \$10,000 market value—and equalized at \$5,000

would pay no property taxes. Persons with more expensive dwellings would pay property taxes only on the amount above the exempted valuation.

The revenue lost through this program, estimated at \$640 million, would be replaced by income taxes.

Gast said he and many of the House Republicans believe this will provide "the essential equity which is currently missing from our taxation structure."

"It will spread the tax burden more fairly, and relieve the property owner of his disproportionate share of

supporting government programs."

The Stevensville legislator added that a number of Democratic members of the House also were interested in the bill.

Achieving property tax reform by legislative act rather than through a constitution amendment is attractive, according to Gast. It takes only 56 votes to pass a bill in the House, but it takes 74 votes to approve a constitutional change.

Gast, in a report to his constituents back home, said exemption of the first \$5,000 of equalized valuation on a homestead could not suddenly be doubled later by increasing the equalized value to 100 per cent of market value. The state constitution limits equalized valuation of real property to 50 per cent of market value.

He did point out one problem area. The bill, as written, applies only to homestead property. This does not offer relief for business property and for persons who have property in addition to their homestead.

Gast said the Republicans eye this approach as an alternative, and consider an amendment to the state constitution as a more permanent guarantee of property tax relief.

In his report to the home folks, Gast also made note of an interesting approach by an Upper Peninsula legislator to fight reopening of antlerless deer hunting in the UP. The U.P. legislator is suing the Department of Natural Resources on the basis of the law that allows citizens to sue persons, industries or government agencies for alleged destruction of natural resources.

### Dowagiac Class Of 1931 Tells Reunion Plans

DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac high school class of 1931 will hold its fourth reunion on Saturday, July 31 at 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hall, 472 East Division street, Dowagiac, according to Gerald Angle, reunion chairman.

All class members and their families are invited to attend the dinner and "gabfest" scheduled for the occasion. For further information call Angle at his home after 6 p.m.

### Dies In Accident

MONROE, Mich. (AP) — An industrial accident at the Monroe plant of Consolidated Packaging Corp. Monday took the life of Otto Dyke, 60.

Dyke, a 25-year employee of the firm, died of a skull fracture and brain injuries. Plant officials said he was attempting to free two rolls of paper which had become tangled when his arm was caught between the rolls and he was pulled up into the machine.



HARRY GAST, JR.  
State Representative

### Open House Scheduled August 15

SOUTH HAVEN — An open house and dedication ceremony for South Haven's new federally subsidized elderly housing project has been scheduled for Aug. 15.

Housing Commission Executive Director Ronald Booth told board members at their regular monthly meeting Monday night that the 31-unit apartment building for the city's senior citizens will be ready for occupancy Sept. 1.

The open house will be held from 2 until 5 p.m., with a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

In other action, the commission, in anticipation of an increased work load for its staff, awarded salary increases and additional titles for the executive director and his secretary.

The salary for Booth was increased 33 per cent to \$8,500, with the understanding that he would become the maintenance supervisor for both the city's low-rent and elderly projects.

The salary of his secretary was increased \$340 to \$5,242 annually. The secretary will also serve as a social services director and bookkeeper.

### BUCHANAN Extends Benefits

BUCHANAN — The Buchanan city commission last night agreed to extend longevity benefits to all municipal employees.

The benefit schedule, which grants workers up to \$350 in additional pay each year, was included in a contract signed May 6 with the Buchanan Police Association.

The money will be paid in lump sums to employees each Dec. 15.

In other business, the commission authorized final payment of \$750 to the Wilcox Construction Co., Buchanan, for installation of an air conditioning system in city hall.

City Treasurer Raymond Shabedissen was authorized to use \$2,000 from the contingency fund to pay the city's share for new police radio equipment, which will tie the department into a county-wide communications system.

The commission approved a resolution which will allow Mr. and Mrs. Walter Karpinski use of the unimproved portion of McCumber street, south of Third street. The Karpinskis said they planned to purchase property on McCumber for construction of a single-family dwelling.

A traffic control order, restricting parking on the south side of Alexander street, was approved by the commission. Residents in the area requested the permanent ban following a trial period.

Mayor Joseph Bachman was elected as a delegate to attend the annual business meeting of the Michigan Municipal League, Sept. 3, on Mackinac Island. Richard Gaul was named alternate.

A contribution of \$50 from the Buchanan Garden Club was accepted by the commission and will be used for planting of flower beds on city hall grounds.

Mayor Bachman reported that the Buchanan Lions Club plan to contribute four metal benches for use by the city.

**Traffic Deaths**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

July 27 State Police count

This year 1,107

Last year 1,191

## Use Of Farm Camps Barred

By STEVE MCQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Joseph Hassle, a prominent Van Buren fruit grower and farmer, has been barred by a Van Buren Circuit Court order from using three unlicensed labor camps.

The restraining order was issued late last week by Circuit Court Judge David Anderson, Jr. upon the request in a suit by Dr. Maurice Reizen, director of the Michigan Department of Public Health.

The state's attorney general, Frank Kelley, filed the suit on behalf of Reizen.

Specifically, the injunction prohibits Berrybrook Farms, of which Joseph Hassle and his wife Harriet are the owners, from operating or allowing to be operated, any farm labor camps not licensed by the state health department.

The injunction is to remain in effect during pendency of the suit or until further order of the court. The Hassles did not appeal at the Friday court session.

The health department took the action, Reizen said, after three Hassle labor camps were inspected on June 17.

On June 25, Reizen claims, the health department revoked one labor camp license issued prior to May 5 and denied applications for licenses for two other camps.

However, Reizen asserted, on June 30 and again on July 8, a representative from the state health department found two of the camps occupied" by five or more migratory workers."

There is also misdemeanor charges in district court against Berrybrook farms, alleging that the farm corporation permitted the operation of unlicensed labor camps.

Van Buren Prosecutor William Buhl was to meet with the Hassles today in a pre-trial conference after Mrs. Hassle previously entered pleas of innocent to the misdemeanor charges.

## Schools Open Aug. 31

BERRIEN SPRINGS—Classes will begin at all four schools of the Berrien Springs school district on Tuesday, Aug. 31, according to Lee Auble, schools superintendent.

Teachers will be at the schools on Monday, Aug. 30, to prepare for classes and counsel with students or parents and principals will be in their offices during the preceding week to register students who will be attending school in the district for the first time, Auble added. Students who were enrolled last year have already pre-registered.

Vacations during the coming school year include Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 18 to Jan. 2, March 25 to April 2, with the summer vacation beginning June 9, Auble said.

## School Tax Reduced By Decatur Board

DECATUR — The Decatur school board fashioned a small bit of good news for residents here last night, reducing school taxes by  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill.

The board, acting on the recommendation of Supt. Wayne Hellenga, pared the district's debt retirement levy from 6.5 to

6 mills.

The district's tax levy for the coming year will total 28.18 mills, with 8.68 allocated; 11.60 voted operating; 2.00 building and site and the 6.00 for debt retirement.

The board accepted the bid of Clarence Oatman, Decatur, who will supply gasoline to the



## CAR HITS TREE Union Pier Youth Killed In Crash

SAWYER — A 19-year-old Union Pier youth early this morning drove his car beyond the end of Minnich road, at the Sawyer road intersection, and was killed when the car struck a tree.

Another 19-year-old youth riding in the car was seriously injured.

Killed was Robert Keith Burns of Union Pier. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. John Valantelius, Berrien county assistant medical examiner at 2:10 a.m. today.

His death brings the 1971 Berrien county traffic fatalities to 29.

Ronald James Clemons of Three Oaks, a passenger in the car, was reported in serious condition this morning at St. Anthony's Hospital in Michigan City, Indiana. He is being treated for a fractured hip, a dislocated hip and multiple

lacerations over his entire body. State troopers from the New Buffalo post said Burns apparently was driving at a high speed as he approached the end of Minnich road at its intersection with Sawyer road and was unable to stop.

The car left the road and skidded for 35 feet before stopping against a tree.

Burns was born Jan. 26, 1952, in Huntington, Ind. He was graduated this year from River Valley High school.

He had resided in the Union Pier area 11 years, coming from Michigan City and was employed at the Hudson Filling

Station in New Buffalo.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. William (Mac) Zboril Jr., of Union Pier; his father, Keith Burns of Columbia City, Ind.; a step-sister, Sherry of Columbia City and his grandmother, Mrs. Paul (Mabel) Simmons of Columbia City.

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DIES AT AGE 111  
PORT ARTHUR, Tex. (AP) — Pierre Larigue, who died Saturday at the age of 111 and left 173 survivors, will be buried today on Mermontau, La.



ESCAPES INJURY: Carol Ann Murfield, 20, Bangor, escaped injury yesterday when she jumped from this stalled car just moments before it was struck by an oncoming train at 3:15 p.m. yesterday at the Maiden Lane crossing in St. Joseph township, south of St. Joseph. Engineer Cal Strong of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad told Berrien county sheriff's police that he saw the car on the tracks but could not stop in time. (Staff photo)

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